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A RECENT ILLINOIS COLLECTION OF *SANGUISORBA CANADENSIS* L. — The last definite date for a specimen of American burnet, *Sanguisorba canadensis* L., in Illinois is fifty-five years ago. This material was collected by E. J. Hill, Sept. 25, 1907, moist prairie by R. I. Railroad, Joliet, Will County. Previous collections by H. L. Boltwood and A. B. Seymour are known from Ottawa, LaSalle County, dated 1880 and 1882. A statement in *VASCULAR PLANTS OF ILLINOIS* (Jones, Fuller et al., 1955) says: "Moist ground, very rare, or possibly extinct in Illinois." An S. B. Mead specimen is cited in the same publication: "Cass Co.: Beardstown, Aug. 27 — ?". In view of the interval since the last collection of this species and in connection with the questionable date of the Cass County specimen, the following information seems pertinent.

Illinois is perhaps near the southwestern limit of distribution of *S. canadensis* L., and a recent collection by Mr. R. T. Rexroat of Virginia, Illinois, will verify the continued occurrence of this species in the state. Collection data are as follows: Cass Co., Illinois, south of Beardstown, once swampy area (moist only when the specimen was collected), Sept. 15, 1962, *R. T. Rexroat 8577*, (ISM).

Mr. Rexroat, an amateur botanist and collector, has demonstrated the value of such collectors and their contributions to a continued study of the flora of Illinois. Since 1953 Mr. Rexroat has collected eight species of vascular plants previously not recorded for Illinois and six of these are from Cass County. The following list is furnished although many of them were reported in previous issues of *RHODORA*. Cass

County: *Fimbristylis vahlii* (Lam.) Link, *Scleria reticularis* Michx., *Lipocarpa maculata* (Michx.) Torr., *Cyperus grayioides* Mohlenbrock, *Anagallis arvensis* forma *caerulea* (Schreb.) Baumg., and *Arctium tomentosum* Mill. Morgan County: *Eragrostis curvula* (Schrad.) Nees, and from Schuyler County, *Falcaria sioides* (Wibel) Aschers. Mr. Rexroat's work is an example of what careful and continued collecting can accomplish in a state which has been considered well botanized during a century and a half. In spite of opinions of some professional botanists, who regard further collecting in Illinois unnecessary, the effort seems worthwhile. — GLEN S. WINTERRINGER,  
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